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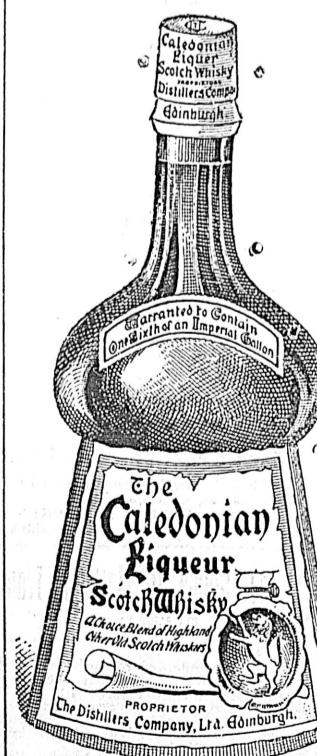
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## THIS IS IT!



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## Annexation Called For.

Loyalists in Cape Colony Ask  
Statement to Stop Mischievous Agitation

Cape Dutch Mission to England  
— Rank Treachery by  
Raiding Boers.

Capetown, March 7.—A general movement is in progress among the Cape Dutch to obtain a settlement of the South African question consistent with the maintenance of the independence of the republics. It is doubtless argued that the Dutch having remained loyal are entitled to a hearing at the settlement.

The argument would have more force if the Dutch had not risen in every district where there was reasonable chance of success, and it is certain that the whole British community and the actively loyal Dutch are opposed to any settlement short of annexation.

A proposal has been made by a delegation of the Dutch party to visit England shortly in the interest of peace.

London, March 7.—The second edition of the Times this morning contains a despatch from Capetown which says there is a crying need for an explicit statement by the British ministry that nothing short of annexation is intended, in order to damp the mischievous agitation that is going on under the pretext of a demand for peace.

Carnarvon, Cape Colony, March 6.—A refugee who has arrived here from Kenhardt says that early on Wednesday, February 28, shots were exchanged with the rebels, who retired. Thereupon Commandant De Kokwe arrived with a flag of truce. A magistrate who went from Kenhardt to meet him was immediately made prisoner and his rebels then poured into the town, hoisted a white flag, proclaimed the district to be Free State territory, sang the Volkslied and began commanding. The magistrate was detained for trial at Bloemfontein. The refugee says the natives are being severely treated.

Capetown, March 7.—An official notification has been issued that the Queenstown proclamation of February 22, regarding certain terms offered the rebels by Gen. Brabant in the event of their surrendering, has been withdrawn. Those in arms against England may return to their farms upon surrendering their weapons and receiving a pass, but they are liable to be called to account later on.

The Arundel column has been largely reinforced.

An radiogram telegram from Colesberg says that the Australian regiment has been honored by a visit from Lord Kitchener.

STRANDING OF CALIFORNIAN.

Court of Inquiry Finds Master and Pilot to Certain Extent Blameworthy.

Portland, Maine, March 7.—The court of inquiry which has been considering the stranding of the Allan line steamer California on Ram Island, near Portland harbor, two weeks ago, to-day made public its decision, which is to the effect that while the master committed an error of judgment it was not sufficient to justify the suspension of his certificate. The error was in not making sufficient allowance for the combined action of the tide, wind and sea. The court finds that the pilot should not have left the vessel when he did and recommends the officers and crew of the California for their conduct after the accident.

The court of inquiry was made up of British Vice-Consul Keating, Captain Robinson of the Tyndall and Captain Hughes of the King Edgar. Captain France of the Californian testified that the pilot, Capt. Parsons, did not go out as far as is customary, because the sea was so rough that he was afraid he could not get back. Capt. France offered to carry him to Halifax, but the pilot decided to return. After the pilot left, Capt. France consulted his charts and twice changed the course of his vessel before she struck.

The testimony of the other officers agreed with that of Capt. Parsons, and the story of Pilot Parsons was not different from that of the others. In concluding its decision the court of inquiry says: "The court, considering that culpable conduct attaches to Capt. Parsons, orders that the costs of the court be paid by the British vice-consul on account of the board of trade."

LODGE ON THE PHILIPPINES.

Vancouver, March 7.—J. Loan was so badly injured at the Hastings mill to-day, by being caught in the machinery, that he will die.

Washington, March 7.—The amazement that Senator Lodge would deliver a speech on the Philippine question drew to the senate every senator now in the city and to the galleries an unusually large number of auditors. Mr. Lodge is chairman of the Philippine committee and a prominent member of the committee on foreign relations and has studied the Philippines exhaustively. He was expected to present an able addition to the literature of the great problem which now confronts congress, and the American people, and neither his colleagues in the senate nor his other auditors were disappointed in his address. He was overwhelmed with congratulations from both sides of the chamber.

WOMEN AND UNIVERSITIES.

Berlin, March 7.—The Reichstag to-day, on the recommendation of a special committee, declined to consider the petitions for the admission of women to matriculation in universities and to undergo state examinations.

ANOTHER CANADIAN DEAD.

Toronto, March 7.—A special cable states that the death of Private J. Adams, of the Manitoba Dragoons, from dysentery, at Jacobsburg, has been reported at the war office.

Dysentery in its worst forms will yield to the use of Carter's Little Nerve Pills, listed by Carter's Little Nerve Pills, they not only relieve present distress, but strengthen the stomach and digestive apparatus.

## Boers in Full Flight

## Before Roberts.

Horsemen Under French Surprised Them on the Flank and They Fled in Panic Leaving a Gun and Supplies.

Cunningly Devised Entrenchments Made of No Avail by Tactics of the Swiftly Moving British Cavalry and Horse Artillery.

Pursuit Now in Progress With Prospect That Another Army May Be Rounded Up... Roberts' Main Force Makes Advance Unopposed.

Osfontein, March 7.—Lord Roberts' forces advanced early this morning. French turned the southern part of the position of the Boers, who fled incontinently, leaving a gun, immense quantities of forage and their tents. He is in pursuit. The Boers on the north bank are also evacuating the position.

London, March 7.—(Midnight)—The war office has just published the following advices from Lord Roberts:

"Poplar Grove, March 7.—(Evening)

—We had a successful day and have completely routed the enemy, who are in full retreat.

"The position which they occupied is extremely strong and cunningly arranged with a second line of entrenchments, which would have caused us heavy loss had a day attack been made.

"The turning movement was necessarily wide, owing to the nature of the ground, and the cavalry and artillery horses are much done up. The fighting was practically confined to the cavalry division, which as usual did excellent work, and Gen. French reports that the horse artillery batteries did great execution among the enemy.

"Our casualties were about 50. I regret to say that Lieut. Keswick was killed and Lieut. Bailey was severely wounded, both of them with the Lancs. Lieut. Decrespiigny of the Second Life Guards was severely wounded. The remaining casualties will be telegraphed to-morrow.

"Generals Dewet and Delarey commanded the Boer forces."

The following despatch had been previously received from Lord Roberts:

Osfontein, March 7.—(4:20 p. m.)—Our operations to-day promise to be a great success.

"The enemy occupied a position four miles north and eleven miles south of the Modder river. I placed Gen. Colville's division on the north bank, and Generals Kelly-Kenny and Tucker's divisions, with cavalry, on the south bank. The cavalry division succeeded in bearing back the enemy's flank, opening a road for the Sixth Division, which is advancing, without having been obliged to fire a shot up to the present time.

"The enemy are in full retreat towards the north and east. They are being closely followed by cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, while Tucker's Seventh Division, Colville's Ninth Division and the Guards Brigade, under Pole-Carew, are making their way across the river at Poplar's Drift, where I propose to place my headquarters this evening.

"Our casualties will, I trust, be few, as the enemy was quite unprepared for being attacked by the flank and having their communications with Bloemfontein threatened."

## BULLER TO HIS TROOPS.

Ladysmith Garrison and Relieving Column an Honor to Their Country

Durban, March 6.—Gen. Buller, in a general order regarding the relief of Ladysmith, says:

"The two forces during the last few months have striven with conspicuous gallantry and splendid determination, and are an honor to the Queen and the country.

"The Ladysmith garrison for four months held that position against every attack with complete success, and endured many privations with admirable fortitude.

"The relieving force had to force its way through an unknown country, across unfordable rivers and on almost inaccessible heights face a fully prepared, well armed and tenacious enemy. By the exhibition of the truest courage, courage that burns steadily besides flashing brilliantly, accomplished its object and added glorious page to the history of the country.

"Ladysmith was successfully held and relieved, and the sailors and soldiers, colonial and home-born, who had done their duty with a desire and impatience by one patriotism."

"The order congratulates both forces on the material qualities displayed, and thanks them for their determined effort. Gen. Buller also sympathizes with the relatives and friends of the gallant comrades who have fallen.

## MAKING ANOTHER STAND.

London, March 7.—It is reported that Gen. Buller has pushed forward along the Harrismith rail road line towards the Glencoe Pass, using the railroad freely for communications. It appears that the Boers intend to take up a strong position in the Baggerberg range and contest the Glencoe passes, although it hardly seems likely that Gen. Buller will attempt to force these for the present. But his plans are kept almost as secret as those of Gen. Roberts.

## BULLER'S CASUALTIES.

Another list of casualties sustained by Gen. Buller's forces from February 14 to February 27 shows: Killed, 123; wounded, 573; missing, 54.

Of these the losses of Inniskilling Dragoons were as follows: Killed, 54; wounded, 162; missing, 22.

Dublin Fusiliers—Killed, 15; wounded, 97; missing, 15.

Connaught Rangers—Killed, 19; wounded, 105; missing, 8.

Royal Irish Fusiliers—Killed, 11; wounded, 63; missing, 2.

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## Cronje Goes To St Helena

**Boer Prisoners Will Be Held There Until the End of the War.**

**A Stand Up Fight With Roberts Would Help to Hasten the End.**

London, March 8.—4 a.m.—Lord Roberts wired yesterday morning from Ossoue and in the evening from Poplar Grove, 14 miles eastward. By an exposition of the elementary principle of strategy the Boer positions 15 miles long have been flanked and their holders have been obliged to retire in confusion consequent upon hasty withdrawal. Nothing was done by Lord Roberts to disturb the symmetry, or the deadly ingenuity of the Boer trenches in front of him. He marched out his infantry estimated, from the commands named, at 30,000 men, and sent 10,000 horsemen and horse artillery in a bold sweep around the Boer left, whereupon the Boer centre and right became untenable. Fifty British fell when the cavalry came into contact with the Boers.

### STRENGTH OF THE FORCES

The correspondents differ as to the enemy's strength. The Daily Mail's representative thinks the Boers number something more than 40,000. The Daily News man estimates them at 10,000. As these figures come from observers at headquarters it is clear that Lord Roberts' force was overwhelmingly superior. He can scarcely have fewer than 45,000 immediately available as the Guards Brigade reached him from Lord Methuen on Tuesday. Lord Methuen now commands only volunteers and the local force at Kimberley, of whom have gone toward Mafeking.

The Boers do not yet appear to appreciate the mobility of Lord Roberts' corps, which was able to strike so swiftly in this affair that they had to abandon a gun, much forage and large quantities of camp equipage.

### DECISIVE BATTLE WANTED.

The Standard cautions Englishmen against rising to a height of serene contentment which the actual position does not justify and thus measures the situation: "Large number of the Boers are still in the field. They have a wide range of country over which they can operate. Although their morale is somewhat dampened, it would be too much to say that it will not stand again. Indeed, what we want them to do is to stand again, for it is only in a real stand-up fight that we can inflict those losses which would eventually lead the defeated to sue for peace. Lord Roberts has gained a success, but it must not be regarded as a signal victory until we know what damage has been inflicted and what prisoners have been taken."

The Dutch risings in the northwestern districts of Cape Colony are the only districts visible in the sky of British prospects.

### ORDERED TO ST. HELENA.

The military authorities have decided that Gen. Cronje and the other prisoners shall be sent immediately to the island of St. Helena, there to remain until the end of the war. Lord Roberts has chosen Lord Bathurst, colonel of militia at the front, to command the escort to St. Helena, which was last month placed in cable communication with Cape Town and London. It is also asserted that the cabinet resolved neither to propose nor to entertain a proposal at the present juncture for an exchange of prisoners.

### A CRITIC AND PROPHET.

London, March 8.—Spencer Wilkinson in the Morning Post, says: "Yesterday's events are not quite conclusive. It cannot be the Boer game to be beaten in detail. Their only chance is to collect the bulk of their forces for a decisive battle. If they have not men or spirit to stand up to Lord Roberts, their case is hopeless. It begins to look indeed as if my original estimate of the strength of the enemy's forces—about 50,000—was not far wrong. In that case the game is up, for they must have lost 10,000 or more of the original 50,000. The escape of the Boer force yesterday, however, is most disappointing. A good general is not satisfied with the retreat of his enemy. He wishes to destroy them."

### STEYN'S VALOROUS PART.

Predicts Dire Events in Transvaal and Withdraws There From His Own Capital.

London, March 8.—Mr. A. G. Hales, the correspondent of the Daily News, who was captured by the Boers February 9 and released a few days ago at Bloemfontein, telegraphing from Sterkstroom Tuesday says:

"While I was a prisoner at Bloemfontein I had an interesting interview with President Steyn. He said the burghers were determined to fight to the last man and that the struggle in the Free State will be child's play compared with what would follow in the Transvaal."

"President Steyn predicted that the capitulation of Pretoria would be preceded by events which would astonish Europe."

"He appointed a deputy president to remain at Bloemfontein during his absence at Pretoria in the interest of the Free State."

### INFESTED WITH SMALLPOX.

Disease in Most Loathsome and Virulent Form Discovered in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., March 7.—An appalling state of affairs in the Jonesville neighborhood in Hinds county is revealed. The community is literally honeycombed with smallpox in most virulent and loathsome form and during the past six months nearly one hundred deaths have occurred.

On some days the rate has been so large that it was impossible to secure coffins and rude caskets were made from rails. Whole families have been wiped out of existence and of several large families only one or two children are left.

Many of the patients are now in a critical condition without medical attention, and they are dying at the rate of from three to five per day. The entire portion of the county is demoralized.

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NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Cabinet Representation Evidently No Nearer—Pacific Cable Prospects Not Bright.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 7.—In the House of Commons to-day Col. Prior asked again if it is the intention of the government to give cabinet representation to British Columbia. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, however, declined to state the government's intention.

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## Aldermen in Special Session

Last Night's Meeting Taken Up With a Discussion of the Estimates.

The Sorby Scheme Bobs Up Serenely But No Action Was Taken.

Considerable progress was made with the estimates at yesterday evening's meeting of the board of aldermen, and they will be finally dealt with at the next sitting of the council.

Just previous to adjournment Ald. Bryden brought up the question of the voting of \$1,600 for the purpose of making borings in connection with the Sorby harbor scheme and a lively discussion ensued, but no action was taken.

There were present, His Worship Maynard Hayward and a full board.

Before proceeding with the consideration of the estimates City Engineer Topp handed in a letter from Major Dupont in which the writer outlined a plan for drainage on Stadacona avenue. The city engineer explained that he estimated the probable cost of the drain improvements suggested at \$560. After some discussion the engineer was instructed to proceed with the work.

Ald. Williams directed attention also to the condition of the drains at the head of Meara street.

The council then went into committee on the estimates. Coming to the items for the police department it was decided not to incur the expense of providing a patrol wagon, the cost being \$50 was made for hack and express hire. The item in the preliminary draft making an appropriation of \$600 for repairs to the old Deluge fire engine was struck out. The vote for fire apparatus for Victoria West was cut down from \$4,000, as proposed, to \$3,900. An item of \$4,300 for a new fire hall in Victoria West was passed.

Discussing the items for coal for the different departments, Ald. Beckwith directed attention to the advisability of enclosing for tenders for coal as is the case with other supplies. This matter will be discussed later.

A sum of \$250 is included in the amount decided upon for advertising—\$3,000—for the purpose of purchasing 2,000 copies of the Wave, containing views and a write-up of Victoria.

The sum of \$3,000 for investigating the Sorby scheme was allowed to stand.

In regard to the fees of \$500 for band concerts at Beacon Hill, Ald. Beckwith entered a protest against it being voted, but it passed. Ald. Kinsman observing that if the city had \$3,000 to throw away on the Sorby harbor scheme he had nothing to say against the appropriation for the concerts.

Discussing the item of the appropriation for the maintenance of the leper station at Darcy Island, Ald. Williams and Beckwith made a vigorous protest against the apathy of the city in not insisting that the Dominion government should support the lepers. The item finally passed, however.

The estimates being laid over Ald. Williams suggested that the mayor and aldermen should pass a vote of condolence with ex-Mayor Redfern in the bereavement he has suffered in the demise of his mother, and that the council should attend the funeral in a body. This was decided upon.

Ald. Bryden then brought up the question of making an appropriation for borings in the harbor in connection with the Sorby harbor scheme, and wanted to move a motion to the effect that in the opinion of the council the sum should be voted at once.

The mayor said the sub-committee were still busy looking into the matter and as the scheme had been very seriously attacked, it would in his opinion be unwise to go any further until more information was at hand.

This brought Ald. Beckwith to his feet and he indulged in a lengthy defense of the project. In his opinion no evidence had been submitted in support of the contentions of those opposed to the scheme. He had suggested that the sub-committee get together and make an independent inquiry into Mr. Sorby's figures, but this had not been done.

Ald. Yates was in favor of the money for the borings being voted. Mr. Harris who made preparations to do the work must be paid in any event.

Ald. Bryden attempted to put his motion, but the major ruled it out of order. Bryden retorted that the mayor must not dictate to the council.

Major Hayward contended that notice was certainly necessary before the council could deal properly with such important business.

Ald. Kinsman expressed the opinion that Victoria was not in favor of the scheme anyway and would vote it down to-morrow if put before the people.

Some considerable discussion ensued, but the council finally adjourned without taking any action in the matter.

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## Finance and Commerce

New York, March 7.—Professional bear operators suspended their campaign for a decline in the stock market to-day. The bull contingent on the other hand were hampered by the continually closed conditions in the money market and by the determined indifference of the outside public. In consequence dealings on the exchange approached a point of stagnation and the movement of prices was entirely without significance. Closing quotations:

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| Ann. Cot. Oil   | 22c  |
| Ann. Tob.   | 103c |
| Ann. Sugar  | 88c  |
| Antimony  | 40c  |
| J. T. & S. F. all paid  | 54c  |
| A. S. & W.  | 62   |
| B. & O.   | 60c  |
| B. R. T.  | 40   |
| Can. Sou.   | 28c  |
| C. & O.   | 127c |
| C. B. & Q.  | 94c  |
| Chicago Gas.  | 167  |
| C. R. I. P.   | 121  |
| C. M. & St. P.  | 29   |
| Com. Tob. com.  | 178  |
| Com. Gas. N. Y.   | 16   |
| D. S. S. & A. pfd   | 51   |
| Gold, Steel & Co.   | 120c |
| Gen. Elec.  | 81c  |
| Jersey Central  | 81c  |
| L. & N.   | 81c  |
| Nor. Pac. com. new  | 95   |
| Mo. Pac.  | 45   |
| Met. Trac.  | 171c |
| Nor. Pac. com. new  | 52c  |
| N. Y. C. & H.   | 133c |
| N. Y. L. E. & W. 1st pfd.                                     | 37c  |
| N. Y. O. & W.   | 33c  |
| Pressed Steel com.  | 53   |
| P. & R. all paid  | 184c |
| Sou. Ry. com.   | 134c |
| Sou. Pac.   | 38   |
| T. C. & I.  | 92c  |
| Tox. & Pac.   | 16c  |
| U. S. Leather com.  | 32c  |
| U. S. P. com.   | 48c  |
| Wabash  | 24c  |
| W. U. com.  | 83c  |
| Com. Cable in Montreal  | 165c |
| London, March 7.—C. P. R. closed 101c; G. T. R. 1st pfd. 92c. |      |

New York, March 7.—Money on call steady at 26 3/4 per cent; last loan 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 42 6/55c per cent. Sterling exchange week, with actual business in banks' bills at \$4,850/6(\$4,854) for demand, and at \$4,824 for sixty days. Postrated rates \$4,824/6(\$4,84, and 4.87% Composted bills \$4,833/6(\$4,824).

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## THE WAR.

It will now be in order for some United States General to say, as Gen. Miles did after the surrender of Cronje, that the defeat of the Boers by Gen. Roberts yesterday is "an excellent thing for the Boers." If defeats are good the republics are being highly benefited these days.

The last victory of Lord Roberts indicates that the enemy is losing his nerve. If the pursuit is vigorously pressed many prisoners will probably be taken and a large number of men will be dispersed. The latter will not be likely to rejoin their commands. As near as can be gathered from the maps, Poplar Drift, where Roberts was to have his headquarters last night, is nearly half way between Kimberley and Bloemfontein. The maps show "Poplar Grove" as a village near the Modder, and presumably the Drift is in that neighborhood. This location is reconcilable with the despatches of the last two days. This is of interest because the despatches report the enemy as retreating to the north and east. Bloemfontein lies a little south of east from Poplar Drift, and hence the line of retreat taken seems to be away from the Free State capital.

Gen. Buller is moving up towards Van Reenen's Pass with a portion of his command. This pass can easily be defended, and he may find some difficulty in dislodging the enemy. There is no great reason for his seeking to do so at any great cost of life. By the most direct line it is 200 miles from the Pass to Bloemfontein. The railway goes as far as Bethlehem, which is about 70 miles from the Pass. From Bethlehem to the nearest point on the railway to Pretoria is about 100 miles across country in a direct line. If it is thought desirable to draw upon Buller's force to strengthen Roberts, the easiest way to do it would be by way of Durban and the sea to one of the ports in Cape Colony and thence by rail to the interior.

The object of the invasion of the Transvaal from Zululand is not very clear. It may be intended as a flanking movement against the enemy at Glencoe; but in the absence of any map showing Calais Hill, the point occupied, we can only guess at the situation.

## PARTY LINES.

The Victoria Conservative Association will meet to-morrow night and one of the questions that will come up will probably be the advisability of introducing federal lines in the forthcoming contest. The Colonist sees no reason for altering its views on this subject. Indeed there are good grounds for being firmer than ever in them. One of the most important questions before the people of British Columbia is the eight hour law. This law met with the endorsement of the convention which declared for party lines and selected Mr. Charles Wilson as the standard bearer. We are unable to support any party which declares for the maintenance of that pernicious piece of legislation on the statute book without giving miners full liberty to contract themselves out of it. The same convention declared for the government ownership of railways. We opposed this at the time and we opposed it when Mr. Martin declared it to be a part of the policy upon which he intended to appeal to the people. Logically Mr. Wilson and those who stand with him on the New Westminster platform have more reason to come out in support of Mr. Martin than they have to oppose him, that is if platforms mean anything.

We think also that it would be an unpatriotic thing for the Conservative party to seek to take advantage of a crisis in the affairs of the province to gain a partisan success. The interests at stake are too great to be used as gambits in the great game to be now in progress. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper was unquestionably right when he told the Vancouver Conservatives that it was necessary for the people of British Columbia to unite for good government.

The great provincial interests, the general prosperity and all the other things which depend upon the result of the forthcoming election affect Liberals as well as Conservatives, and there ought to be co-operation between those who see alike on the vital provincial issues. Just now these provincial issues are vastly more important than anything in the federal field and are infinitely of greater importance than the tenure of office by any set of individuals.

There is no well-defined issue in local politics between Conservatives and Liberals, and we protest against an

artificial line of cleavage being established. If Mr. Martin declares for a fight on party lines, he will not command anything like the united Liberal support. He can be beaten out of sight in such a contest by those who hold with the Colonist that what British Columbia needs more than anything else is a settled policy of its own upon which all the great interests of the province can unite irrespective of how those who represent them stand in federal politics.

We hope that the Victoria Conservative Association will resolve to lay federal politics aside for the present, and they determine to take part in the forthcoming election as an organized body they will do so in a subordinate relation to a popular movement in behalf of good business government.

There may be localities in the province where the contest will finally settle down to a square fight on federal party lines, but this ought not to influence the Victoria Conservatives, whose chief effort ought to be to see that everything is done that can be done to consolidate all those who are opposed to experimental legislation and desire to see the prosperous conditions which prevailed a year and a half ago restored. Such a step will have a profound effect all over the province.

## THE NORTHERN TRADE.

The statement has been made that the northern trade is falling off and that Victoria especially is feeling the effect of the decrease. So far from this being the case, the fact is that the trade is better than ever and our merchants are receiving just as large a proportion as they ever did.

## A TRIUMVIRATE.

Martin—well, that's natural enough; Kellie—well, anything that Mr. Kellie may do will surprise nobody; but Kidd—the mild, unassuming, child-like and bland Mr. Kidd, the Caesar's wife of the Semlin party, the supposed incarnation of guilelessness—to quote the language of the street, "Don't beat you?"

The political morality of the agreement between this would-be triumvirate, and Mr. Martin's justification for breaking it are matters with which we shall not trouble ourselves this morning. What seems specially worthy of mention is that the existence of such an agreement furnishes the most convincing demonstration that the Semlin government was dismissed none too soon. It shows the impropriety of any premier undertaking to carry on without an actual majority in the house.

There sat grave Mr. Semlin looking, like what was once said of Lord Eldon, "Wiser than any man has any business to be"; there sat sleek Mr. Cotton, with a reputation for cuteness extending over two legislatures—and the whole country was wondering all the while what they were going to do. But behind them, as sombre as a sphinx and almost as unnoticed as a store that doesn't advertise, sat Mr. Kidd with the fate of the nation up his sleeve. We leave the merits of the business aside in order that this contribution to the gaiety of nations may stand out in all its excruciating uniqueness.

## A MODEST BURDEN.

A few people yesterday declined to sign the railway petition because they feared the taxation which it would entail. Let us suppose that the subsidy to the proposed railway will be \$1,000,000. For interest and sinking fund this will entail a charge of \$40,000 a year. This distributed among the people of Canada would call for the payment of 8 mills per capita every year, or 40 cents in fifty years, when the loan would be taken up. The people of British Columbia would probably pay more than the others in proportion, for they do so in everything else in the way of federal taxes. They would probably pay two and a half cents a year or a dollar and a quarter in 50 years. This is the maximum per capita tax which a subsidy of a million dollars for a railway to the northern end of Vancouver Island would entail upon the people of this province. We do not wish to make any extravagant claim, but we venture to think that the benefit of such a railway would be worth at least 5 cents to each individual, or more than double his taxes.

Way of stating the case, though this sound grotesque, is not only accurate, but it shows what an error it is to cry out against assistance to railways because of the taxation entailed by it. We do not feel the burden of taxation assumed for important public works which lead to the settlement of the country and the development of its resources. In the above calculation no account is taken of the increase of population, which will reduce the per capita contribution.

Some people have connected the Times' story about Mr. James J. Hill and a railway to Quatsino Sound with the statement in the Colonist that a wealthy and enterprising United States capitalist was interesting himself in the project. No such connection exists. The person to whom the Colonist referred, and to whom full details in regard to the Island were sent yesterday, is not Mr. Hill, nor is he in any way connected with Mr. Hill. The Times reproduces a despatch in which Mr. Hill is mentioned as associated with a road to Port Angeles. We do not know what there is in this, but there was certainly nothing in it when Mr. Cushing of the Port Angeles Eastern R. R. was here a few weeks ago. It would be a great thing for the Island if Mr. Hill would take the project up, but it is not well to jump at the conclusion that he is going to the strength of a New York telegram, for Mr. Hill's plans are a favorite subject for Associated Press guesses.

A WONDERFUL COUNTRY.

Sir William Van Horne Describes His Visit to Cuba.

From the Montreal Witness.

"The pressure of travel" said Sir William Van Horne thoughtfully, as he watched the curling wreaths of smoke from his cigar, "have been largely discounted by the perfection of photography, which gives you the effect without the trouble. You know beforehand what you are going to see. The Riviera, for example, is all pictured for you. You know what your experience is going to be like. The photograph gives you everything, except, perhaps, the dirt, which is inevitably kept in the background."

I was different with Cuba, from which Sir William has just returned. Cuba is unique. You can photograph buildings, but the recuperative process of nature, working all silently, but effectively, cannot be shown forth upon these sensitized plates.

Sir William had a notion in his mind of what he was going to see. "And it was quite wrong," remarked the chairman of the board of directors of the C. P. R. "The actuality was quite different to anything I had anticipated."

Yesterday Cuba was a vast desolation. To-day you would seek in vain for traces of the ravages of war amid scenes which are full of activity. The Spanish blockhouse is in evidence. Indeed, but the rebel had a notion in his mind of what he was going to see.

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In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

Between The Marion Steam Shovel Company, Plaintiff; and The Fort George Gold Dredging Company and The Pittsburg and Girard Gold Dredging Company, Defendants.

In obedience to a writ of fieri facias is sued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Yale Registry, at Kamloops, and to me directed in the above named suit for the sum of \$3,200.00, plus costs of execution, etc., and also interest on \$3,420.76 at six per centum per annum from the 7th day of January, 1890, until payment; besides Sheriff's mileage, officer's fees, and all other incidental expenses I have so far incurred in the said execution debt, interest and costs, that is to say, a sum of \$1,000.00, plus interest on the same, will be offered for sale by public auction, on Friday, the 16th day of March, 1890, at the Public Auction Room, four miles below Quesnel, on Fraser River, the following described goods and chattels, or sufficient thereof to satisfy the said execution debt, interest and costs, that is to say, a sum of \$1,000.00, plus interest on the same, will be offered for sale by public auction, on Friday, the 16th day of March, 1890, at the Public Auction Room, 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## VICTORIA TIDES.

By Mr. Napier Denison.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water at the channel off Shoal Point, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

| Thursday, Mar. 8. |                   | Friday, Mar. 9. |                   |
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| Time.             | Height above zero | Time.           | Height above zero |
| 2:00 a.m.         | 7.6 feet.         | 3:30 a.m.       | 8.6 feet.         |
| 7:20 a.m.         | 8.4 feet.         | 8:20 a.m.       | 7.9 feet          |
| 8:00 p.m.         | 2.8 feet.         | 4:00 p.m.       | 2.9 feet          |
| 10:30 p.m.        | 8.1 feet.         | 11:50 p.m.      | 8.5 feet          |

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Inspect new Ramblers and Ideal, Juveniles. Weiler Bros.' Cycles, Broughton street.

Whist Tournament.—The regular whist tournament of the J. B. A. will be held this evening at the club-house.

Fine English dainty for beadstead hangings and window draperies at Weiler Bros.; new suggestions carried out to a nicely.

Fees Due.—The committee of the Y. W. C. A. will be glad if the members will call at the rooms, 32 Rae street, and pay their fees.

We have just secured the agency for the Empire Typewriter. The only good and cheap typewriting machine made, \$60 cash. Victoria Book &amp; Stationery Co., Limited.

On the Californian.—Among the passengers on the Allan Line steamer Californian, which was wrecked shortly after leaving Portland, Me., on February 25, was Mr. Brownell, of Esquimalt.

Sale or Work.—A sale of work will be held at the Y. W. C. A., Rae street, on Friday afternoon next and all interested in the Women's Exchange are cordially invited to be present. A programme of music, etc., has been arranged.

Funeral Services.—The funeral of the late William Turpin, who died at the Jubilee hospital on Sunday, will take place this morning, the painters of the city having charge of the arrangements.

Imperial restaurant, corner of Douglas and View streets, Theatre Block, has now engaged a first-class French cook (late of the Hotel Metropole, London, Eng.) Dinner and supper parties a specialty.

Comforts For Soldiers.—The committee of ladies who have been industriously gathering comforts for the soldiers serving in South Africa, last evening shipped the goods to Halifax, where they will be loaded on the transport Milwaukee, which takes Strathcona's Horse to Capetown. The shipment was a very large one, including articles of all descriptions.

As a bracer Jesse Moore never fails.

Claims for Sale.—At Dawson on July 2 there will be offered for sale all the claims and fractional claims now the property of the crown in the Yukon country. Twenty-five per cent. of the purchase money is payable on the day of sale. A second sale will be held on August 2 to dispose of the claims not sold at the first sale.

F.W. Fawcett &amp; Co's Drug Store

It is not generally known that while a drug may be pure it may not be of the best quality.

F.W. F. &amp; Co. select the best as well as the common drugs. Dispensing prescriptions a specialty. Only qualified dispensers employed.

A complete and fresh stock of proprietaries always kept. Note address 49 Government street.

Judgment Reserved.—Argument was heard yesterday by the Full court on the appeal of the crown against the judgment of Mr. Justice Drake in reference to the success of the defense in the estate of the late J. H. Todd. Judgment was reserved. In the Bank of British Columbia vs. Oppenheimer, the defendants appealed from an order of Mr. Justice Drake refusing a jury trial on the ground that at the time the application was made the pleadings were not settled and therefore it was premature. The appeal was dismissed.

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**C. C. REVANS.**

W. C. T. U.—A parlor meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dempster, Fernwood road, to-day.

Lenten Services.—In the Episcopal churches yesterday Lenten services were held and in most cases largely attended.

For the Hospital.—The Junior Bachelors and Benedictines of Victoria have donated \$12.85 towards the Jubilee hospital children's ward.

The Police Court.—But one lone drunk put in an appearance at the police court yesterday morning. The usual fine was imposed.

Rambler Bicycles—"the 21-year-old wheels"—Weiler Bros.

Old Shacks Going.—The old buildings on the Oliver property on Cormorant street, just above Government, which were condemned by the health authorities some time ago, are being torn down.

Secured Other Quarters.—Owing to the A. O. U. W. hall being occupied on the 15th instant, the committee appointed for the purpose have secured the Alenaz hall, Pandora street, for the gathering of Workmen on that date.

There is no headache in Jesse Moore whiskey. That's because it is pure.

License Commissioners.—A meeting of the board of license commissioners will be held on Wednesday afternoon next at 2:30. It is not known if the resignation of Commissioner Brydon, forwarded to the government a few days ago, has been accepted.

St. John's Church.—At the second of the series of Lenten organ recitals, to be given on Sunday evening next, Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following vocalists: Mrs. F. Pemberton, Miss Edith Carter, and Mr. Herbert Kent; solo cornetist, Mr. Walter North.

A fellow once said: "I want some whiskey, and I want it bad"; so they didn't give him Jesse Moore.

Young Man's Death.—Alex. Donaldson, aged 28 years, a native of Scotland, died at the residence of Mr. Laurance, 124 Toronto street, yesterday evening. His funeral is arranged for this afternoon. Deceased leaves one brother and one sister, Mrs. Baillie, of Port Hawke.

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He's an absent-minded beggar, And he's gone off to the fayre; And 'ts ear is true to England to the core; But there's 'ems of consolation For the ones 'e's left at 'ome, For they know 's canteen's stocked with "Jesse Moore."

Young People Organize.—At a meeting of delegates appointed by the young people's societies of the various churches of the city, held in the Epworth League room of the Metropolitan church Tuesday night, it was decided to try to form a union having as its objects, first, the closer relationship of all young people; second, the interchange of views as to the best means of successfully carrying on the work of Christ; third, the preparation for organized effort for the purpose of securing better municipal government, and any other matters that may from time to time demand the attention of the young. The meeting is called for the purpose of organization on March 20, at 8 p.m., in the school room of the Metropolitan church. The following speakers have been chosen to address the meeting: Rev. J. C. Speer, Methodist; Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Presbyterian; Rev. Mr. Vickert, Baptist; Rev. Dr. Wilson, Reformed Episcopal; Rev. Mr. Payne, Congregational. The officers will be elected at this meeting.

Cap. Nome.—The newspapers are loud in their praise of the above place, and as a money-maker it is no doubt good; how to make money in Victoria is the thing; you can save money by buying your books and stationery from the Victoria news co. 86 Yates street, r. t. Williams, manager.

Prescription filling requires exact knowledge and exact care. To get the best effect from the use of a remedy however, and to test drugs together to make them helpless. Our work is an exact science—no guess work.

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**Bubonic Plague**

**Near At Hand**

Filthy Japanese Have Introduced the Curse of Asia to America.

Steamer Yosemite Runs Ashore

**Preparations for the Northern Trade.**

The people of the Pacific coast of America are face to face with a new danger in disease, and the health authorities of the continent with a new necessity for increased vigilance. Over at the Diamond Head quarantine station, about ten miles from Port Townsend (although completely isolated from that city) and less than seventy miles from Victoria, genuine bubonic plague has made its appearance under circumstances which point to the imperative urgency of watching every avenue of communication with the Oriental hotbed of epidemic plague. It is by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamship Nanyo Maru that the "curse of the East" has gained its first foothold on American soil, she having arrived at Port Townsend from Honolulu on January 30 last, to take four cargo for Japan. Her last previous charter had been for plantation emigrants from Japan for delivery at Honolulu, these cooes of the very lowest and filthiest type having on the voyage over been packed in a hold of the ship, where through sheer laziness and contempt for the laws of decency or health they literally wallowed in filth, which eventually found its way into the walls and bottom of the ship and converted her into a breeding place for pestilence. When she arrived at Diamond Head she was described as the dirtiest vessel that had ever come to America, and while she was detained so that the two cases of sickness she reported on arrival might be investigated, the sanitary conditions aboard became worse so rapidly that it was soon apparent she would have to be virtually rebuilt in order that she might be purified. Shortly after the Nanyo went into quarantine there was one death among her people, bearing all the symptoms of beriberi, a peculiarly Japanese affliction combining the typical characteristics of dropsy and of paralysis. The quarantine officer was, however, unable to report this to the United States health authorities, as the ship had reported sick on January 23 and had been unable to get into touch with the port authorities. The port authorities, however, had been advised of the condition of the vessel and had issued a general order to all ships to avoid her.

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**Children and Vaccination**  
**Some Trouble Anticipated Owing to Refusal of Parents to Comply With Order.**  
**Protest by a Correspondent Penalty Which Follows Disobedience.**

The local board of health is experiencing to the full the difficulty which was anticipated when the provincial board of health by order-in-council instituted compulsory vaccination among the school children throughout the province. The parents of many children attending the schools have absolutely refused to have their children vaccinated; and if the penalty clauses embraced in the act is enforced to the letter there will be some lively kicking after the expiration of the time-limit on Monday next.

Penal clause (sec. 94, Health Act) provides that any person who violates any regulation of the provincial board shall, unless it is otherwise specially provided, be liable for every such offence to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, with or without costs, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for a term not exceeding six months, or to both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the convicting court.

A great many parents refuse absolutely to permit their children to be subjected to the preventive inoculation, claiming that aside from the prejudices which they hold against the practice, the recent order passed is obviously absurd as a precautionary measure, pointing out that even with all the school children vaccinated the danger of the spread of the disease, if it got a foothold, would not be lessened, owing to adults being allowed to go unvaccinated.

However, city physicians during the past ten days have been busy decorating the arms of a large number of school children, and as a consequence numerous little ones are in the throes of sickness which in a few instances have proved most malignant.

A sample of the complaints made by those who are opposed to the vaccination theory is contained in the following letter handed to the Colonist yesterday:

Sir: I am told that I cannot send my boy to the public school unless I inoculate him with the disease of a cow, to prevent him from spreading smallpox.

Now, Mr. Editor, will you kindly tell me whether school children congregating in an airy room, under a competent teacher who looks after the ventilation of the room, are more likely to spread disease than the hundreds of men who congregate nightly at our three variety theatres, which I am sure cannot be as well ventilated as our schools?

Now if vaccination be a safeguard against smallpox, why not vaccinate such men for the safeguard of their children?

COMMON SENSE.

Victoria, March 7.

**PERSONAL.**

H. L. Bates, of Nanaimo, is a guest at the Hotel Victoria.

E. A. Blackmore went East this morning by the Islander and C. P. R.

Capt. Smythe, R.N., leaves for Liverpool by the C. P. R. this evening.

W. F. Hays and W. D. Wood, both of Seattle, are guests at the Driard.

W. R. Robertson, M. P. P. for Cowichan, registered at the Victoria yesterday.

John Faumu, curator of the provincial museum, is confined to the house by illness.

O. B. Loomis, of the circulation department of the Seattle P-I, is a Doniphon guest.

J. H. Escolme and Mrs. Escolme, have left for the Old Country, going East by the Canadian route.

George A. Smith and family, of Alberni, returned yesterday from Scotland and are at the Victoria.

Miss Wadsworth left this morning for Fernie, East Kootenay, where her two brothers are residing.

John Bell, who has been confined to the house for some days through illness, is again able to be about.

T. T. Williams, of San Rafael, business manager of the San Francisco Examiner, is a guest at the Hotel Driard.

D. Rabbit, of Armstrong, the representative of the Okanagan Flouring Co., is spending a few days at the Dominion.

Commander Simpson, with Mrs. Simpson and family, have arrived from England, and are making their home at the Imperial.

J. A. Hugbird, of the Victoria Lumber Co., arrived from the East yesterday morning and immediately proceeded to Chemainus.

Ernest Willis, manager of the "Coontown" company, now filling a three nights' engagement at A. O. U. W. hall, is at the Doniphon.

R. L. T. Galbraith, the plunger of East Kootenay, formerly a member of the legislature, and now Indian agent, is a guest at the Driard.

Frank E. Star, representing Starb & Nichol's "Who Is Who" company, next Monday's attraction at the local playhouse, is at the Hotel Driard.

A. H. Macneill and M. G. Abbott, barristers of Rossland; E. P. Davis, Q.C., of Vancouver, and E. M. Macwood, barrister, of Nanaimo, are at the Driard.

Mr. McGregor, of Port Hughes, the rising settlement on the West Coast, arrived in Victoria yesterday on a brief visit.

Mr. McGregor reports the outlook for the coming season as most cheering.

H. C. Elliott, of Kaslo, who has been superintending the construction of a river steamer for use on the Duncan by the company operating the Kaslo & Slocan railway, is a guest at the Dominion. He is here to buy material.

**A CARD.**

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money paid for a three nights' bottle of Dr. Wills' English Pill, if, after using three-fourths of contents of bottle, they do not relieve Constipation and Headache. We also warrant that the bottle will permanently cure the most obstinate case of Constipation. Satisfaction or no pay when Wills' English Pill are used.

Dunn & Hitchcock, druggists, cor. Yates and Broad streets, Victoria, B. C.  
 Chas. E. Jones, Pharmacist, 39 and 32 Government street, Victoria, B. C.  
 D. E. Campbell, chemist, cor. Fort and Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C.  
 Moore & Co., druggists, Yates street, Victoria, B. C.  
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From all over Canada come letters telling us of the great benefits derived from the use of Dr. L. Menzies' plasters in cases of neuralgia, rheumatism, lame back, etc. Davis & Lawrence Co., Inc., manufacturers.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

**Women's Work For Hospital**

**Attention Directed to the Work of Beautifying the Grounds.**

**Necessities Provided and a Balance of Cash Is Still on Hand.**

A Good Show.—Manager Johnson is to be congratulated on the splendid show that he is giving at the Lyceum theatre this week. Besides Adje and her lions, who give a performance the equal of which has never been seen here, a series of animated pictures are presented. The pictures are all new and are particularly good ones. The bull fight, lasting fully fifteen minutes, is the best animated picture that Victorians have had the opportunity to see. Besides these two strong attractions a number of bright specialties are on the boards this week.

Rag-Time Operatic Comedy.—It is under the title of "Coontown 400"—a rag-time operatic comedy" that Manager Ernest Willis introduces a decidedly clever company of entertainers for three nights at the A. O. U. W. hall to week the engagement opening yesterday evening, when it is safe to say those who were there were abundantly satisfied with their ticket investment. The company claims nothing more than to give a musical, dancing, joking two hours, at which the public may enjoy a pocketful of laughs, hear a score or more of the very latest coon songs and choruses as the authors and introducers of this popular class of melodies sing them, and see such dancing as can only be done by the feet of those with real "down south" blood in their veins. The play into one connected with the show calls it by any name so dignified as for connecting the specialties only—and thus suffices. The music, and notably the solos of Miss Mamie Blanton and the Black Bostonians quartette, is decidedly above the average of the usual comedies, while the handling of "Sweetie Ribbe" by Miss Blanton may honestly be described as more satisfying and appreciable than Emma Nevada's rendition of the same here only a few weeks ago. Will Humphrey, in banjo specialties; Kelly and Yeager, more particularly the member of the firm with the step-ladder architecture and original eccentric style, are first class in their electric dancing; and Charles Arnold introduces some rare funnies—his jokes, like the great majority of those launched during the performance, being notable for their genuine wit and their extreme distance from even the borderland of suggestiveness or vulgarity. "Coontown 400" may be commended as in particularly clean show—and a bright and pleasing one. It holds the Yates street house for the remainder of the week.

**HANDBALL.**

International Match at J. B. A. A.

The J. B. A. A. announce an international handball match to be played in their gymnasium on Saturday next at 3 p.m. The contestants will be the J. B. A. A. and the Seattle Athletic Club, and this will be the first handball match Seattle have played. The Bays will be represented by Mr. N. B. Gresley, who for four years captained the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. handball team, and Mr. J. C. Thomson, the well known Winnipeg hockey player.

The Seattle team are reputed experts, and the Bays will no doubt have hard work to beat them; but hope to give a good account of themselves. All members are invited to attend and bring their friends.

**RACQUET CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Montreal, March 7.—Eustis Myles, representing the Tweed Club of New York, won the Canadian racquet championship to-day from F. F. Roland, of Montreal, defeating him easily in three straight games, 15-3, 15-2, 15-6.

**WAR NOTE.**

The following are the first and last verses of Mr. Arthur Harter's poem, "The Women of England," which Mrs. Campbell is reciting. It will be published at 1s., and copies will be sold for the benefit of the funds for the soldiers' and sailors' Families Association:

A word for the women of Britain  
 Why bid their beloved "Good-bye";  
 The husbands, the brothers, the sons who  
 go forth  
 To fight, and to conquer, or die.  
 A word for the women of Britain  
 Who part with the friend they have lost,  
 And fighting their fears, smile up through  
 Their tears  
 When he too goes out with the rest.

The gentle are helping the simple—  
 Love and sympathy level all pride—  
 And hearts that feel in the union of grief.  
 When the men fight and die side by side;  
 All the women of Britain are equal,  
 For the men were alike in the fray;  
 And the right and the poor are just sisters  
 In the hearts of the nation to-day.

**THE FRONTIER LINE.**

What marks the frontier line?  
 Thou man of India, say!  
 Is it the Himalays sheer,  
 The rocks and valleys of Cashmere,  
 Or Indus as she seeks the south  
 From Attoch to the fivefold mouth?  
 "Not that! Not that!"

Then answer me, I pray!  
 What marks the frontier line?

Thou man of Burma, speak!

Is it traced from Mandalay,  
 And down the marches of Cathay,  
 From Bhamo south to Kiang-nan,  
 And where the buried rubies lie?

"Not that! Not that!"

Then tell me what I seek?

What marks the frontier line?

What marks the frontier line?

Thou man of Egypt, tell!

Is it arid Luxor's sand,

Where Karnak's painted pillars stand,

Or where the river runs between

The Ethion and Bishareen?

"Not that! Not that!"

By neither stream nor well  
 We mark the frontier line.

"But be it east or west,

One common sign we bear,

The tongue may change, the soil,

The sky,

But where your British brothers go,

The lonely earth, the nameless grave,

Still fringe the flowing Saxon wave."

"Tis that! 'Tis where

They lie—the men who placed it there?

That marks the frontier line!"

A. Conan Doyle in Indian Witness, April 3, 1890.

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Have you noticed that one pound of Blue Ribbon Ceylon tea is equal to a pound and a quarter of any other kind?

## Field Surgeon On War Scenes

### Terrible Effects of the Artillery Though Modern Rifles Are Humane.

### Praise of Colonial Medical Corps —The Terrible Day At Magersfontein.

Surgeon C. Marsh Bradwell, R. N., writes as follows for the British Medical Journal:

"Camp Modder River, South Africa, Nov. 30, 1899.—On Tuesday, November 28, 1899, was fought the battle of Modder River. It commenced with an interchange of shots between our scouts and the enemy's front line at 5:30 a.m., and the firing, both artillery and rifle, continued almost without intermission, till one hour and a half after sunset, when our troops retired about half a mile.

We, the naval brigade, slept in the train the previous night, with our guns in the trucks. At daybreak we were trained and got our four 12-pounder long-range guns into action on the left side of the railway, facing northeast.

To give the reader some idea of the heinousness of the fire, I took the following notes: A small table built of mud walls, four inches thick and covered outside with galvanized iron from the front wall—that is to say, the one directly opposite to our fire—20 feet long and 10 feet high, contained the following apertures: Ten produced by unexploded shells; 3 irregular shaped by burst shells; 571 by bullets—7 are the exits of Mauser bullets fired by the enemy, 31 are entrances of Lee-Metford fire, by our men, remainder, 533, are all shrapnel. Most of these latter lay imbedded in the mud wall, but failed to penetrate the mud for more than half an inch. All the Lee-Metford pierced the wall and entered that on the other side, but failed to pierce it. The Mauser in like manner pierced the front wall and failed to pierce the second. The reason that seven Mauser bullets pierced the front wall of the house—that is, the wall facing us—was the fact that the rear wall of the house contained an open door, and the bullets that came through it had only one wall to traverse. The unbust shells passed through both walls, entered another house 50 yards beyond and then exploded. These facts give a good idea of the heinousness and extreme accuracy of our fire, also of the great penetrative power of the Lee-Metford and Mauser bullets, and the feeble penetrative power of all other events, in particular cases, of thin shrapnel bullets.

After about two hours' fighting, finding that it was extremely improbable that we should have any casualties, thanks to our long range guns, I obtained permission to go farther up to the front, where I knew there must be plenty of work to be done amongst the wounded. Our fighting line had now assumed the shape of the letter A with its sides extended, the angle of the A resting on the railway line and held by the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. The two sides of the A were stretched out, and more or less parallel to the river, which was lined with the Boer trenches all along the south side, the ends of the sides of the A receding slightly from the line of advance. Twisting and gnawing our right arm to cross the river, but failing to the left, the Northumberland Fusiliers and 9th Brigade made a similar attack and succeeded in crossing; two men were drowned. Now, and not till now, did we ascertain how very strongly the enemy were entrenched; in fact, their position was almost impregnable, and it seems a marvel that we were even able to pursue the Boers to leave it.

BATTLE OF MAGERSFONTEIN.

December 13, 1899.—Yesterday we attempted to outflank our position on the left, the Synderfeld and Magersfontein kopje, but I regret to say we failed, and to-day we are in the same position, but with a loss of 1,000 men; there are about 700 dead and wounded and about 200 missing. The Black Watch lost very severely—21 out of 29 officers. It seems that they advanced in the night in quarter column, and at dawn were still in this formation, and with easy reach of the enemy's rifle fire. The Boer losses it is quite impossible to calculate, as the Kaffirs that came in from their camp after yesterday's battle tell the most wildly divergent tales—from six dead and 40 wounded to 2,000 dead and wounded. Judging from past battles, I do not think their losses are a tenth part of ours.

Practically the whole of our attacking force was marching across an open plain in full view of the enemy, while they were absolutely and completely hidden. They lay behind trenches which extended along the rear bank of the river for a distance of at least two miles. Behind their trenches the ground sank to the level of the river, so that their men, horses, and the large wagons were always along the whole of the position on both sides of the river, with almost absolute safety from our fire. The river was studed with boats used to ferry men to and fro, and to convey ammunition as required. On the other side of the river the ground gently inclined upwards, and here in strong positions were placed their Hotchkiss and other guns. The enemy's position was, so far as I, noncombatant, could judge, an ideal one, in every respect, but not a man of us knew, as far as I am aware, what a veritable hornet's nest we had got into.

### CASUALTIES.

Taking everything into consideration, our 420 dead and wounded, which was the cost of our day's work, was miraculously small. Everything was against us; we had to attack an immensely strong and entrenched position held by a vastly superior force while advancing ourselves across an open plain. We had anticipated a brief and easy victory, and in consequence the men were not rationed, and a battle was fought and won by stomachs that had not seen food for twenty-four hours. Water was terribly scarce, and every water cart that came near the front had to beat a hasty retreat. The heat was terrible, and last, but by no means least, our chief was put into action very early in the day by a bullet wound. I leaped into the very curious manner. On the left of our line I saw a horse bolted, riderless; it was evidently an officer's charger, as there was a sword, etc., attached to the saddle. I sent a bugler to catch the horse and found it had a Mauser bullet wound through the foreleg, and there was blood on the bridle, stirrup and saddle. Drawing the sword, one read, "Methuen from Chapman." Tears at once arose that the General was wounded, and so we

monly seen in the London streets. His intellectual faculties have also been considerably disturbed, as he is only half rational.

Last night, there were hundreds of our dead and dying left in the field; in fact, it has taken two days to collect them, and much suffering has been entailed. One poor fellow walked into our lines with a towel on the end of his rifle; he was raving mad, and had been wandering about for hours with a portion of his frontal lobe torn out, and a major exit wound in the fore part of his head.

The medical men have had a terrible time of it—working incessantly for 36 hours.

The field hospital presents a sad but impressive sight; one mass of wounded inside, rows and rows of dead outside; it is a sight, I think, would cure once and for all those worthy individuals who talk of the "glories of war."

The hospital trains are beautifully equipped, and reflect the greatest credit on the Army Medical Department. It is quite a treat to see the nursing sisters attending to their arduous duties amidst all the blood and thunder with the same zeal and care which they are so well known to display in our hospitals at home.

The Irregular Colonial Corps are not behindhand in providing themselves with ambulances. Brabant's Horse is

chiefly armed. Why are men sent out into this fierce sun in petticoats?

It is very well to talk about the uniform being the essence of esprit de corps, but is not this carrying it too far? Surely they might be allowed to go into action at any rate as other men go. As it is their legs become covered with crops of vesicles; few of the men like their dress for this kind of work; the beauty of the kilt and sporran is masked by a khaki flap, and when these two company the aspect is both ludicrous and ridiculous.

I saw one man return from his brush with the enemy in a pitiable plight; in his own words he had to "take" a barbed wire entanglement at "the double," and emerged a bleeding mass, with his kit half a starboard, his khaki flap half-lost, torn, and his spur dangling on the wire."

The water supply is bad, being derived directly from the muddy river. Boiling is imperative. The air for a radius of over 2,000 yards from the centre of the camp is tainted with the smell of half-buried horses; there were about 200 dead horses and mules buried after the battle of Modder river, but thanks to the vultures, the ants and humble microbe, they are rapidly being reduced to harmless skeletons.

We have had two or three severe thunderstorms, but the things that most are the dust storms, or as we would venture to term them, dust storms, for they are analogous to waterspouts. Vertical columns of dust extending to a height of 150 yards and travelling at a speed of six or seven miles an hour, pass through the camp and play havoc with all and everything, making life miserable; rifles are thrown out of gear, food and water rendered nauseous and clothes spoilt.

We have had one "locust storm" up here at Modder river; for three hours the air was like a snowstorm, but black. One could not walk ten yards without colliding with hundreds of them; every blade of grass was demolished, and every crumb of biscuit or bread on the ground was pounced on by countless numbers. After three hours they had all disappeared as mysteriously as they came. The locust storm was travelling in a N.E. direction.

December 14, 1899.—Since writing the above some more dead and wounded have been brought in, bringing our total losses to 1,400 dead and wounded. I also heard that one of the army medical officers to whom permission was given by the Boers to go up to their lines and attend to our own wounded, has been made a prisoner of war owing to the fact that a revolver was found on his person. The two generals have communicated with each other concerning him, but Cronje remains firm and claims that men and officers wearing the Red Cross should be unarmed. I know the officer personally, and regret his capture, but at the same time will agree that Gen. Cronje is in his right.

ALFRED KENDALL,  
By his Attorney in fact.  
C. A. HOLLAND.

Dated this 3rd day of March, A.D. 1900.

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## THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,  
Victoria, March 7.—8 p.m.  
SYNOPSIS.  
The extensive low barometer area which was off the coast yesterday has developed into a widespread storm, with its centre of 20.00 inches over northern Vancouver Island, and, it is causing heavy rains over the Pacific Slope, and Astoria, Ore., reports a thunderstorm. Strong gales have prevailed along the coast from California northward, and high winds over the Straits and Sound. Another cold wave is spreading southward over Cariboo and Alberta.

## TEMPERATURES.

|                 | Min. | Max. |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Victoria        | 43   | 51   |
| New Westminster | 38   | 42   |
| Kamloops        | 28   | 48   |
| Barkerville     | 12   | 30   |
| Calgary         | 10   | 0    |
| Winnipeg        | -14  | 28   |
| Portland, Ore.  | 42   | 52   |
| San Francisco   | 52   | 60   |

## FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time),  
Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales from the southwest; unsettled weather with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland—Strong winds or gales from east and south; continued rainy.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 7.

Deg. Deg.

5 a.m. 47 Mean 47

Noon 44 Highest 51

5 p.m. 49 Lowest 43

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 16 miles southeast.

Noon 9 miles east.

5 p.m. 14 miles southeast.

Average state of weather—Rainy.

Wind—22 mph.

Sunrise—1 hour 12 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed 29.328

Corrected 29.352

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected 29.22

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Willapa from West Coast:  
J. Ritchie, Wm. Netherby.  
F. Sutherland, J. A. Wilson.  
P. G. Cook, Miss Huxtable.  
W. Norman, J. Greason.  
R. Walls, J. Pasco.  
M. MacGregor, N. H. Law.  
Father Van Nevel.

PAY OF POSTAL CLERKS.

The Trades and Labor Council Protest Against Discrimination Against Victoria.

At the Trades and Labor Council last evening the question of discrimination against the temporary clerks and letter carriers of Victoria was gone into. The chief cause of complaint is that in the government estimates Victoria appears as having eight permanent clerks, while there are only five, thus the holding positions are deprived of the annual increase of salary notwithstanding the fact that the incumbents have passed the required civil service examinations. Another source of complaint is that temporary clerks are subject to loss of pay for holidays and enjoy no leave of absence whatever. Recently the government decided to increase by provisional allowance the salaries of the clerks and letter carriers of Vancouver by \$5 per month from July 1, and ignored a similar request from Victoria. The council will do all they can to have the rights of the Victorians recognized by the Ottawa government.

A request from Mr. Herbert Cuthbert for an opportunity to address the council on the iniquities of the eight hour law was not acceded to.

No action was taken regarding the coming provincial elections. Not having drafted a platform of its own, the council is not prepared for the present to say what course it will pursue. J. C. Meiss was elected financial and recording secretary and A. J. Hay, corresponding vice E. Harrop, resigned, who held both offices.

FIFTH REGIMENT'S LOSS.

Militia Order Containing Names of Those Killed in South Africa.

The following regimental order was yesterday issued by Lt.-Col. Gregory, commanding the Fifth Regiment:

"The following extract from Militia Orders, received this day, is published for general information:

"No. 46, Headquarters, Ottawa,  
"Saturday, 24th February.

"It is announced with regret that the undemobilized non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian special service forces on active service in South Africa were killed in action at Paardeberg Drift, on Sunday, the 18th instant."

"2nd (special service) Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment;

"No. 7004, Sergt. W. Scott, 5th R. C. A.  
"No. 7074, Pte. A. Mannhill, 5th R. C. A.  
"No. 7105, Pte. J. H. Somers, 5th R.C.A.  
"No. 7113, Pte. J. Todd, 5th R.C.A."

"By order,

"HUBERT FOSTER, Colonel,  
"Chief Staff Officer."

In accordance with the above, the names of these members of the 5th R.C.A. are removed from the roll of the 5th R.C.A.

The officer commanding desires to express his deepest sympathy to the relations and friends of the above named members of the 5th R.C.A. who have been killed in action.

By order,

Signed) R. H. POOLEY, Lieutenant.  
Acting Adjutant.

MR. MARBOUEUF'S EXPERIENCE.

Former Victorian Taught a Lesson For Pro-Boer Sympathies.

In a letter to a friend in Victoria a gentleman at Kamloops relates a little story which will be of decided interest to Victorians. During the celebration on Thursday last on the occasion of the receipt of the news of the relief of Ladysmith, it began to be noised around town that Louis Marboeuf had burned the British flag to show his disquiet at the triumph of Buller's forces. Hearing this a mob hastily collected, and proceeding to Marboeuf's restaurant, tore down the French flag which had been hoisted under Kruger in Collyer, in front of the entrance, and seeing the trembling proprietor compelled him to proceed upstairs and wave a British flag from the window for some minutes. A great crowd had assembled and the fun was enjoyed.

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## The Liberals Against Him

### Provincial Executive Go on Rec- ord Against Mr. Martin as Premier.

### Will Not Conduct Campaign on Party Lines or Call Convention.

### An Incident Showing How Na- naimo Job Precipitated Its Authors' Downfall.

passed the third reading to get the government, if possible, to have it assented to along with any other bills agreed upon as hereinbefore mentioned. In case the government refuse to have said bill so assented to then the said Kellie and Kidd will vote for the resolution as follows:

"That in the opinion of this house, the redistribution bill should be immediately assented to, so as to allow of a general election being held under it."

The following bills shall be allowed to pass the third reading and be assented to, in addition to the redistribution bill:

1. Liquor License Act.
2. Supreme Court Act.
3. Sandon Relief Bill.
4. Lulu Island Railway Bill.
5. Vancouver and Westminster Railway Company Bill.
6. Railway Assessment Bill, and such others as may be agreed upon.

No supply is to be allowed to go through, except if the government is willing to accept a lump sum amount to be agreed upon for ordinary appropriations as may be agreed upon by the parties hereto.

The parties hereto agree to endeavor to have a clause passed for a revision of the voters' list earlier than the law now provides.

After said redistribution is assented to, the government to be allowed to ask for a dissolution or resig, and if they refuse to take either of said steps then said Kellie and Kidd will vote for the following resolution:

"That in the opinion of the house there should be an appeal to the people, and no further business should be transacted by this house."

(Signed) JOSEPH MARTIN.  
J. M. KELLIE.  
THOMAS KIDD.

The bill, after being introduced, contained changes in the Nanaimo seats, when another agreement was reached between Joseph Martin and J. M. Kidd on 21st February, some days after the bill was brought down by message, and letter signed by Joseph Martin, viz.:

"I hereby agree to support the redistribution as introduced provided as to Nanaimo seats that the Extension mine be left in South Nanaimo. This is in pursuance of my agreement with Mr. Kidd.

The resolutions passed follow:

(Signed) JOSEPH MARTIN."

It will be observed that Mr. Martin agreed to support the redistribution bill provided that the Extension mine be left in South Nanaimo. When the second bill, which took Extension mine from South Nanaimo and put it in North Nanaimo, the bill could only be amended in committee of the whole and under the agreement all parties were bound to support the bill to that stage. Mr. Martin assisted in killing the bill before it reached committee, where it could be amended as he desired, thus violating the letter as well as the spirit of the agreement.

J. M. KELLIE.

In reply Premier Martin said in an interview with the Colonist last evening: "Mr. Kellie charges that I violated the agreement which he publishes, by not voting for the second reading of the redistribution bill. I contend that there is absolutely no foundation for this charge. I would ask anyone to point out to me where the agreement states that I was to vote for the second reading of the bill. What I agreed to do was to vote for the bill right through, at every stage, upon one condition, and that was that the proposed changes in the Nanaimo district were to be dropped. The only way they could be dropped after the bill had been printed and introduced was to strike them out in committee. The regular custom often pursued in the house, when a member objects to a clause in a bill, was for him to vote for the bill, and then to withdraw it. This is an unfortunate position, truly; but it is better that a number of voters should be unable to express their preference than that the business of the country should be held up, its highway suffered to fall into disrepair, its credit destroyed, and private and public enterprise blocked for a year at least? Under the former act registration was continual; under the present act lists are revised twice a year and names not upon the rolls on the 1st of May or the 1st of November in each year cannot be placed there between those dates. The responsibility for the new act rests with the late government, and it is now seen, on the very first occasion it is required to be put in motion, that the machinery breaks down.

I believe that the interests of the province demand an early dissolution and an appeal to the electorate. Should Mr. Martin's ideas prevail at Government House, I believe that an injury lasting in its effects will be inflicted on the country.

A few moments ago, while conversing with a friend on this very subject, he suggested that the Government might save time by issuing a proclamation convening the house while the election was in progress. But how can His Honor call together a body that does not exist? How can he be given a house that will not have an existence until the elections have been held and the writs returned? The true and only solution lies in an immediate appeal to the people.

D. W. HIGGINS.

### PARTY LINES.

Sir: The adoption of Dominion party lines in provincial politics is a rank absurdity. It would pass the wit of man to devise a policy or adopt principles to guide us in provincial elections which could by the wildest stretch of imagination have anything in common with the lines which divide the two great parties in Dominion politics.

Dominion subjects and Provincial subjects of legislation proceed in separate, parallel lines. They never meet or occupy the same field. This, of course, is well known.

The Dominion party line idea is one of the many nostrums for abolishing the present utter responsibility of provincial politicians, both individual and collective, of the legislature. Under existing conditions they owe allegiance neither to any fixed policy nor to any political organization. They are a law unto themselves, and are naturally guided by the simplest and most personal of considerations.

To get in, to keep in, and when in to do their best they can to forward their personal ambitions. There is some force in the argument that it is better to secure responsibility to a political organization, even if foreign to the purpose, than none at all; that machine politics is preferable to chaos. I think there is a better remedy.

Provincial elections conducted by the political organizations of the Dominion parties necessarily with a view to the struggle between those parties for ascendancy in their proper arena, would be undesirable. It would be mere machine politics.

Is there any reason why Provincial party should not be formed, to be perfectly distinct from the Dominion Liberal and Conservative organizations? So far from the field of provincial legislation not affording scope for a distinct line of demarcation between Conservatives and non-Conservatives, I hold the opinion that it affords, to a much greater extent than the field of legislation appropriated to the Dominion parliament by the B. N. A. Act. Indeed I am of opinion that the Dominion field of legislation scarcely affords any room for the distinction. The reason for this is simple. A Conservative is a person whose mind when applied to the question of legislative action touching property and the wide field included in the term "civil rights," has a certain recognizable trend. The property and civil rights of all Canadians, including the management of all industries in the province and our relations to each other therin, are committed to the exclusive control of the provincial legislatures. The functions of the Dominion parliament are to attend, under supervision, to our national and foreign relations and difficulties, to look after militia, defence and the criminal law, to control our trade and commerce in its ebb and flow, including navigation and shipping, banks and banking, etc., etc., and the fiscal policy of the country, from which the Dominion revenue is principally derived; to create and control enterprises for the benefit of Canada as a whole, and construct Dominion public works—in short to manage our

## Letters to The Editor

### AN ELECTION IMMINENT.

Sir: If Mr. Higgins' figures as given in your paper this morning are anywhere near correct, I feel sure that the constituencies and intending candidates may prepare for an early election. The Governor, who is a man of strong personality, as events have shown, will not permit Mr. Martin to delay the appeal until after the next revision of voters' lists. He will insist upon his appealing at once or stepping out. Indeed, as Mr. Martin has not completed his government after week's trial, he may be sent to Coventry and into hock and another man called in. Mr. Higgins has done, and at the end of five days he was told that his time was up, and he had to give way. Will the Martin goose be served with the same kind of sauce as the Beauvois gander?

In any case I feel sure that Mr. Martin's advice will be disregarded, and that the Governor will dissolve the house almost immediately.

ELECTOR.

### AN IMMEDIATE DISSOLUTION.

Sir: The urgent necessity that exists for dissolution of the legislature and an appeal to the people I must plead as my excuse for again reverting to the subject of my letter in your journal of this morning. Reference to the statements will, I feel sure, support my statement as to the delay that must inevitably occur should Mr. Martin's policy of awaiting the revision of the voters' lists before holding an election be allowed to influence His Honor. I neglected in my former letter to refer to private legislation for which there is a crying need, and which, since the (so-called) prorogation, has been suspended, while the prophet's collar, in mid-air, and must remain there for this year at least, useless. His Honor should act with that decision which he is said to possess. Mr. McInnes must understand the emergency of the situation as well as Mr. Martin; and while the Premier has most eminent political reasons for putting off the elections until the last moment, the Lieutenant-Governor has equally cogent reasons for insisting that the appeal shall take place at once. The Premier, of course, will urge that unless revised lists are used many voters now unregistered will not be able to cast their ballots. This is an unfortunate position, truly; but it is better that a number of voters should be unable to express their preference than that the business of the country should be held up, its highway suffered to fall into disrepair, its credit destroyed, and private and public enterprise blocked for a year at least? Under the former act registration was continual; under the present act lists are revised twice a year and names not upon the rolls on the 1st of May or the 1st of November in each year cannot be placed there between those dates. The responsibility for the new act rests with the late government, and it is now seen, on the very first occasion it is required to be put in motion, that the machinery breaks down.

To this cause we can rally all men who agree with our principles, or who disagree with the class of provincial legislation which we oppose, quite independently of their allegiance to either of the political parties of the Dominion. To say that a man is, in principle, a Conservative or a Liberal because he has been allied to one or other of the great parties who alternate in office in the Dominion parliament of Canada, is, to my mind, absurd. Sir John Macdonald had occasion to appreciate the difficulty of being either a Conservative or a Liberal in Canadian politics, and the opportunity offering, dubbed the "Liberal Conservative party." As far as British Columbia is concerned, we can leave the Dominion political parties to arrange their political badges, policies and organizations to suit themselves.

There are great political and economical questions staring us in the face in this province, and we must deal with them on principle.

We must not permit them to be used as counters in a political game to be played by the Dominion political organizations, nor should we leave our provincial candidates to play each to his own hand.

I think that there should be an organization along the lines I have suggested, having branches throughout the province, which should nominate candidates for the approaching struggle.

ROBERT CASSIDY.

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